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THE OBSERVATOR.

The Marriage of the Pope *to* High-Church. *Observations on the* Rehearsals *Reflections on the Bishop of* Sarum. *His Raking into the Ashes of Deceas'd Authors. The* Nonjurors *and* High-Churchmen *the only Men in* England *that are of* Deposing Principles. *A Word or two of the* Pope.

From **Saturday** February the 23d, to **Wednesday** February the 27th, 1706.

Country-m. MAster *Observator*, this Son of a *Teague*, the Author of the *Rehearsal*, flings his *Ordure* at every Body; but more especially at the *Whigs* and *Dissenters*. He's against the *People*'s having any Power, and says, *That Power is better lodg'd in the* Pope *than the* People. Here 'tis, Numb. 86.

Obs. The *High-Flyers* love the *Pope* better than the *People*, the *Queen*, or any Body else. *High-Church* is their *Mother*, but the *Pope* is their *Father*, and they are no *Bastards*, but *Legitimate Children*, their *Father* and *Mother* having been Married ever since the *Reformation*: They got a Glorious Brood of *Nonjurors*, *Tackers*, and *Anti-Occasional-Conformists*, Men that ever Opposed the *Protestant Interest* in *England*, a *Settlement* of the *Crown*, according to the *Constitution* of the *Realm*, and any *King* or *Queen* that Govern'd according to *Law*. But the Father having the P——, and the Mother being descended from a *Putrify'd Race*, their Issue is not Numerous, and by the *Corruption* of the *Species* is very *Impotent*, yet very *Peevish*, *Fretful*, and *Troublesome*, Creators of *Feuds*, *Animosities*, and *Discontents* where ever they come.

Country-m. Master, then this Race of *High-Flyers* are an *Incestuous Generation*; for *High-Church* and the *Pope* are too near a Kin to Marry; and yet I wou'd'nt forbid the Banes, for they are equally Match'd.

Obs. Country-man, the Author of the *Rehearsal* would place the *Supream Power* in the *Devil*, rather than the *People* should have any *Power* at all. Should I tell him that the *Supream Power* was in the *People* before there was either *Pope* or *Prince*, I had as good Talk to a *Post*, he knows nothing of the *Original* of *Government*, and just as much of the *English Constitution*. He told us a while ago that *Adam* was a *King*, and then we all descending from his Loins, are all of us *Kings Sons*; and that making the *Primo Geniture* disputable, renders the *Hereditary Right* precarious. We know that the little *Eve*'s in *Petticoats*, will now and then grow wanton and steal a Leap, nay, rather than want it, with their own Fathers: An Instance whereof we have in the Daughters of King *Lot*; so that the *Hereditary Right* may descend to a Person got in *Incest*, or to a *By-blow*, and what then becomes of *Jure Divino*?

But, *Country-man*, the *Cause*, the *Cause*, the *High-Church Cause*, is the thing this poor Wretch is Vindicating, and that makes him Rob the *People* of their Power, and place it in the *Pope*. 'Tis better in the *Pope* than the *People*, for the Advancement of *High-Church*, and the Interest of *Perkin*. You know that the *States* of *Holland* are Govern'd by a *Popular Government*: Whereas, if that Power were lodg'd in the *Pope*, than a main Stake in the Hedge of the *Confederacy* would be broken down, and Young *Perkin* might be able to *Leap In*, as his Pretended Father *Leap'd Out*. And, *Country-man*, were the Power of the *People* lodged in the *Pope*, then the chief Support of the *Confederacy* wou'd be taken away. If the *Parliament* went about to raise Money for the *Queen* to enable Her to make good Her *Quota* in the *Confederacy*, then the *Pope* would send his *Bulls* with long Horns to push our Members out of the *House of Commons*; and if the *People* should pay the Taxes Assigned and Enacted by *Parliament*, then the *Pope*, as formerly, might put the whole Nation under an *Interdict*, and we, as formerly, must pay a round Sum of Money to get the *Apostolical Curse* taken off, when as now we don't care one —— for his *Blessing*.

Country-m. And yet this *Bog-Trotting Priest* is no *Papish*! No more than Father *Peters*. But, Master, what is it he says of the present Lord Bishop of *Sarum*? I am sure I have heard you speak very Respectfully of that Prelate.

Obs. He's a Gentleman that well deserves that high Post in the *Church* that he now enjoys. He's an Ornament to *That* and the present Age, and will be had in Reverence by Posterity: And what this *Scavenger* has perverted from his Writings does no more answer his Subject, than if he had Quoted so much from *Amadis de Gaul*, or *Don Zara del Fogo*; and he pretends to be Witty upon his Lordship in his *Distich* from *Ovid*, inverting the Sense of the Author,

Parve, nec Invideo, sine me Liber ibis in Ignem.
Hei mihi quod Domino non licet ire tuo.

But, *Country-man*, this was none of his Wit, but a Turn of Sir *Fleetwood Shepherd*'s, whose *Crepitus Ingenij* stank as bad as his *Reputation*.

I must not give my Pen that Liberty which the Affront requires, not in Relation to my self, for I can pass by a thousand Indignities and Affronts, offered by so mean a *Scoundrel* as the Author of the *Rehearsal*; but I can't bear his Reflection on so great a Man as the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Johnson*, whom, in Derision, he calls *Julian Johnson*. 'Tis Inhumane to Tread on the Ashes of a Deceased Author, whom, when Living, none of the Enemies of our *Constitution* durst Attack, but *Scribblers* for Bread, such as the Author of *Saul* and *Samuel*, and whose Shoes this Infamous *Nonjuror* was not worthy to clean; and if he has not the Front of a *Brazen Colloss*, let him, in his next, tell the World what the Answer was that he pretends was sent to Mr. *Johnson*, to which he never thought fit to Reply.

Country-m.

Country-m. Oh! Master, that Answer was never Printed, but is now in *M. S.* folded up in the Pocket of *Lesley's Sandwich Breeches* among his other *High-Church Rarities* and *Legends* of the *Nonjurors*. I'll Towel this *Priest* if I can meet him in my way for abusing the *Learned Dead*.

Obs. Has he not done the same by that Great Man Mr. *Lock*, whom, whilst Living, he was no more able to Encounter, than a *Pigmy* is able to Encounter a *Giant?* He Rummages the Writings of Deceas'd Authors, and safely exposes both what they Write, and their *Reputations* into the Bargain, their Mouths being stop'd with the Dust can't answer again in their own Vindication. In like manner he Rummages the Histories of the *Civil War in England*, but only those of one side, such as *Clarendon's Legend*, which has, a great many Years since the Death of the Author, been Preparing and Cooking up for the Palate of *High-Church*. Out of these he picks what is most Scandalous, and gives false Turns to all the Transactions of those times; and what he gets from them he charges to the Account of the *Dissenters* of this Day, who were never concerned in a thing of that Nature, and are no more answerable for the Murder of King *Charles* I. than for the Crucifixion of our Saviour, *Jesus Christ*.

What a perpetual *Clamour* does he make about *Forty One*, which he says, *Ought to be remembered against the* Dissenters, as he terms all those that are against *Popery* and *Slavery*; when, indeed, *High-Church* ought to bear the Scandal of the *Civil Wars* in *England*, it being *Her* Members that brought those Troubles upon the Nation, *First*, In advising the King to do what the *Laws* of the Realm would not Justifie, and then, in a *Base* and *Cowardly Manner*, left him expos'd to the *Merciless Fury* of an *Incens'd People*. 'Twould be worth while, had any Person the Leisure, who is acquainted with the Transaction of that Day, to tell the World how *Treacherously* and *Basely* that Good King was Treated by *High-Church*, how *Inhumanely* Deserted by them, how *Abominably* Cheated in their False Reports of their *Loyalty*, *Courage*, and *Numbers*, when God knows, when they came to the Push, the mistaken King found 'em only a *Rabble* of *Paltroons*, and *Infamous Band* of *Cursing*, *Swearing Wretches*, small in *Numbers*, and less in *Courage*. In short, by their *Treachery* and *False Misrepresentations* of things they brought the *Monarchs* Head to the *Block*, and a prevailing *Party* cut it off. I shall not enter upon the Question at this time, but leave your selves to judge which of the two were the greatest *Criminals*.

And, *Country-man*, as to the *Deposing Principles* which he charges on the *Dissenters*, if there are any Men now in *England* of those Principles, 'tis plain the *High-Churchmen* and *Nonjurors* are the Men, not the *Dissenters*. The *Dissenters* pay all the *Respect*, *Duty* and *Allegiance* possible to the *Queen*; they are in Her Interest without any Reserve of Advantage, either by *Place* or *Pension*, or other means of Profit; so that their *Loyalty* being Voluntary, and not constrain'd by Interest, must be adjudg'd to proceed from *Principle*.

The *Nonjurors* and *High-Churchmen* are the Men of *Deposing Principles* at this time: For their denying of *Homage* and *Fealty* to the *Queen* is a plain Proof that they keep their *Allegiance* in Reserve for another, their Writing against the *Government* in *Scandalous Memorials* and *Rehearsals*, shows their Endeavours of undermining the *Government*, and setting aside the *Protestant Succession*. These are *Deposing Principles* with a Witness; and without a Breach of *Charity* we may Judge, that the Pretender, for whom they have reserv'd their *Allegiance*, will have his Interest supported by them, either by *Decollation*, *Detruncation*, *Dry* or *Wet Martyrdom*, or by any Villanous means whatsoever; for what won't Men of *Nonjuring Principles* do, when they are for placing the Power of *Government* in the *Pope?*

Country-m. The *Pope*, Master, is a -----, I do positively say he's the *He-Whore* of *Babylon*, let what will come of it, I do say so *In Verbo Rustici*.

Obs. What's the matter now *Roger?* Angry again with the *Pope!*

Country-m. As Angry as the *Welshman* was when hur came to be Hang'd. I'll tell you what, Master, here's the Honest *Post-Man* tells us, That the *Pope* will no further concern himself about the Affairs of *Poland*, because King *Augustus* has Publish'd a *Declaration* against the *Papishes* in *Saxony*. And that he is Angry with the *Elector Palatine*, because he has restored a great many *Churches*, in the *Palatinate*, to the *Protestants*.

Obs. 'Tis so much the better for *Poland* and *Saxony* if the *Pope* be not concerned in their Affairs. But observe the Justice of the *Infallible Head* of the *Church*, and what fine Distribution of it we should have, if *Lesley's* Project of placing the *Supream Power* in the *Pope* should take place: you see he is Angry with the *Elector Palatine* for doing Justice, in restoring a few of the *Churches*, in the *Palatinate* to the *Protestants*, i. e. For giving them a Pig of their own Sow, what was before their own. And if the *Protestant Powers* be not as diligent in Promoting the *Protestant Interest*, as is the King of *Prussia*, the *Papists* may make a Religious Advantage by this *War*, and we get nothing but Dry Blows and Expence. See here, *Country-man*, what the same Paper tells us, That the *French* King chiefly carries on the *War* against the *Heretical Troops* in the Service of the *Emperor*. But here I must come to a full Stop, and leave others to Remark.

Country-m. Do so, Master; that's the safest way. Come, Master, one Bumper to the *Queen*, and so good Night.

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